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OSP Weekly Report
Week of September 12 – September 16, 2016

White House Arctic Science Ministerial

- The OSP director accompanied IOAA's Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Jane Nishida, at the Arctic Executive Steering Committee meeting on September 14. The primary agenda topic at the meeting, chaired by Dr. John Holdren, was to discuss the agenda for the White House Arctic Science Ministerial (WHASM) that will be held in D.C. on September 28, 2016. The WHASM will bring together Science Ministers from the Arctic nations, Alaskan representatives and others to catalyze international cooperation on Arctic science. ORD has been actively supporting EPA's involvement in this event, and expects to continue our engagement with various U.S. agencies and international partners in a number of follow-up activities.

Tire Crumb

- Synthetic turf fields: The U.S. Army is continuing its collection of tire crumb samples from synthetic turf fields across the U.S.
- Manufacturing facilities: Tire crumb samples were collected from Genan, Inc. in Texas. Liberty Tire Company will permit sample collection at its locations. The research team is working to finalize agreements with additional manufacturing facilities to collect tire crumb samples.

TSCA Rulemakings

- On September 15, OSP participated in a workgroup meeting to discuss ORD's recent comments on the draft regulatory language for two near-term TSCA regulations that will put in place new procedures for chemical prioritization and risk evaluation.
- On September 20, Jim Jones will be briefed by the cross-Agency workgroups on the current status of these two rulemakings.
- On September 16, Jim Jones will hold a discussion with representatives from OMB and other federal agencies on EPA's plans for implementation of TSCA.

ORD Scientific Support for Agency Actions on High Priority Chemicals

- OSP continues to provide scientific expertise to support program office decisions involving high priority chemicals.
 - Glyphosate: OSP, NHEERL and NCEA scientists completed their review of OPP's draft final glyphosate carcinogenicity issue paper and draft charge to reviewers. These documents and supporting materials are expected to be posted to the FIFRA Science Advisory Panel public website on September 16. The SAP meeting is scheduled for October 18-21.
 - Perchlorate: At the request of OW, OSP and NCEA will participate in a briefing on September 22 for OMB and other interested federal agencies (DoD and NASA) on the Biologically Based Dose Response model in anticipation that the document will be released for peer review soon. OW and DOJ are still in discussion with litigants on the overall schedule for the rule proposal and promulgation, which has led to a delay in the release of both the modeling document and the Approaches for an MCLG Determination report.
 - PFAS: On September 13, OSP and OLEM convened a cross-EPA meeting to discuss the need to develop health-based toxicity values for PFAS, other than PFOA and PFOS, to inform public health decision making. The goal of the initial meeting was to begin a discussion of which PFAS are of most interest, whether toxicity information is needed, and what information has already been gathered by program and regional offices that could inform a toxicological evaluation. As a result of this meeting a steering group was formed to determine next steps.

Lead and Copper Rule

- OSP is developing a briefing for Tom Burke on OW's lead and copper rule revisions. The briefing, which is scheduled for September 20, will focus on key elements of the current lead and copper rule, OW's proposal, ORD's comments on OW's proposal, and the soon-to-be-publicly released health-based action level for lead.

Science and Technology Policy Council (STPC) meeting

- OSP represented ORD at the STPC meeting on September 14. Topics included the Risk Assessment Forum (RAF) report on Weight of Evidence for Ecological Risk Assessments, several other RAF documents (charter, charge to develop paper on the use of explicit defaults in developing reference values) and the RAF plan to develop a framework for human health dose-response assessment. The role of the Forum on Environmental Monitoring was also discussed.